

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and the listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-23 All Amended, as detailed below.

1. (Currently Amended) An enclosed, regularly transportable, ~~tote~~ tank system for transporting and providing liquid cargo of significant capacity of at least about one hundred and fifty gallons of the industrial, heavy-duty type for transporting, ~~for example,~~ hazardous and flammable liquids and the like, by, ~~for example,~~ 5 offshore/inshore vessels and trucks, as well as other transportation means, and the like, providing relatively safe transportation of the liquids, comprising:
 - a ~~rectangular~~, inner fluid containing tank member made up of metal including –
 - a top, interior wall member,
 - 10 – two, interior, side wall members,
 - a bottom, interior wall member, and
 - two, interior end members, comparable to said interior side wall members but of a lesser width,collectively together forming a first, interior, metal tank “skin” ~~skin”capable of~~ 15 ~~holding~~ designed to hold liquid, and

– a comparable but slightly larger, outer, ~~rectangular~~, enclosing, protective member, likewise made up of metal including –

- an exterior top wall member,
- two, exterior, side wall members,
- 20 – an exterior, bottom wall member, and
- two, exterior, end wall members, comparable to said side wall members but of a lesser width,

collectively together forming a second, exterior “skin,” substantially completely enclosing the interior, tank “skin” producing a double wall tank structure fixedly
25 permanently connected together,

– with the respective members of the two, tank “skins” being parallel generally separated by small gaps, except at their respective bottom members, which are in face-to-face engagement, being flat one on top of the other with no spacing between them.

2. (Currently Amended) The portable tote tank of **Claim 1**, wherein:

the respective gapped wall members are separated from each other by a gap of about a half (½") inch.

3. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein there is further included:

a set of off-set braces of ~~rectangular~~, extended tubular construction are included between the opposed, interior and exterior wall members, restricted to only 5 said top wall members and said side walls and said end wall members, fixedly connecting their respective, opposed ones together while also maintaining the gaps between them.

4. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein:

said second, exterior “skin” has on its top at least one fill opening through which the tank may be filled, and has a maximum height of about four (4') feet, with its other, lateral, length & width dimensions being comparable to or greater 5 than said height, providing the portable ~~tote~~ tank with a stable, low profile and also allowing a worker to service the portable ~~tote~~ tank while standing on the same surface as that on which the portable ~~tote~~ tank is being supported.

5. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 4**, wherein the ~~tote~~ tank has a capacity of about five hundred and fifty gallons, and wherein:

the tank is about six (6') foot in length from end to end and has a width of about four (4') feet from side to side.

6. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 4**, wherein:

said second, exterior “skin” has a maximum height of no more than four feet, three inches (4' 3").

7. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein the ~~tote~~ tank can be filled with liquid, and wherein there is further included:

at least one fill opening extending through both of said top wall members down to the interior of the tank and, with an openable fill cap, also extending above
5 said top wall member of said outer “skin,” said fill opening being usable for introducing liquids into said tank interior and, when desired, filling the ~~tote~~ tank; and
a continuous, encircling wall extending up from the top wall member completely surrounding said fill opening, said encircling wall containing and preventing the uncontrolled escape of liquid that might be spilled during the filling
10 operation through said fill opening.

8. (Currently Amended¹) ~~The portable tote tank of Claim 7, wherein there is further included:~~

An enclosed, regularly transportable, tank system for transporting and providing liquid cargo of significant capacity of at least about one hundred and fifty
5 gallons of the industrial, heavy-duty type for transporting-hazardous and flammable

¹ To include most, if not all of, the substantive limitation of Claims 1 & 7 upon which it had been dependent and having been indicated as being allowable.

liquids and the like, by offshore/inshore vessels and trucks, as well as other transportation means, and the like, providing relatively safe transportation of the liquids, comprising:

– a inner fluid containing tank member made up of –

- 10 – a top, interior wall member,
 – two, interior, side wall members,
 – a bottom, interior wall member, and
 – two, interior end members, comparable to said interior side wall

members but of a lesser width,

15 collectively together forming a first, interior, tank “skin” ~~skin~~ capable of holding liquid, and

– a comparable but slightly larger, outer, ~~rectangular~~, enclosing, protective member, likewise made up of –

- an exterior top wall member,
20 – two, exterior, side wall members,
 – an exterior, bottom wall member, and
 – two, exterior, end wall members, comparable to said side wall

members,

collectively together forming a second, exterior “skin,” substantially completely
25 enclosing the interior, tank “skin” producing a double wall tank structure,

– with the respective members of the two, tank “skins” being generally separated by gaps, except at their respective bottom members, which are in face-to-face engagement, being flat one on top of the other with no spacing between them;

at least one fill opening extending through both of said top wall members
30 down to the interior of the tank and, with an openable fill cap, also extending above said top wall member of said outer “skin,” said fill opening being usable for introducing liquids into said tank interior and, when desired, filling the ~~tote~~ tank;

a continuous, encircling wall extending up from the top wall member completely surrounding said fill opening, said encircling wall containing and
35 preventing the uncontrolled escape of liquid that might be spilled during the filling operation through said fill opening; and

a liquid level gauge measuring the amount of liquid in the ~~tote~~ tank located adjacent to but laterally spaced from said fill opening and in juxtaposition to one side of the ~~tote~~ tank, said encircling wall initially forming most of a circle but
40 then having a radially, laterally extended extension in which area said liquid level ~~guage~~ gauge is located at least in part, while said fill opening is located in the area defined by the circle part of said encircling wall.

9. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 8**, wherein:

said encircling wall extends up above said top wall member at least as high as said fill opening with said cap and said liquid level gauge and any other upwardly extending devices located within said encircling wall, protecting said fill
5 opening and cap and said gauge and said other upwardly extending devices from being snagged by lifting lines, slings and the like.

10. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein:

said encircling wall extends up above said top wall member about three to four (~3–4") inches.

11. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein there is further included:

a drain pipe line extending to the interior area defined by said encircling wall located in the gap between said inner and outer top wall members and extending
5 laterally across to the closest side of the ~~tote~~ tank and being accessible from the side of the ~~tote~~ tank, said drain pipe line being usable for draining out any spilled liquid entrapped within the area defined by said encircling wall.

12. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein there is further included:

a discharge valve and associated line located at the bottom of the ~~tote~~ tank enclosed within a closed off compartment within the confines of the outer walls
5 of the ~~tote~~ tank; and

a lock-able but open-able door being an exterior part of said compartment for gaining access to said discharge line from the exterior of the tank for removing liquid from the interior of the ~~tote~~ tank.

13. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 12**, wherein:

said bottom wall members are downwardly sloped toward said compartment; and

wherein there is further included a drip catch pan forming the bottom of
5 said compartment capable of catching and holding any liquid dripping down from the discharge line and any exterior coupling that might be attached to said discharge line.

14. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein:

said bottom wall members ~~form a single sheet of material having~~ has a thickness greater than any one of the thicknesses of the other of said wall members.

15. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 1**, wherein:

all of said wall members are made of stainless steel.

16. (Currently Amended) An enclosed, regularly transportable, ~~tote~~ tank system for transporting and providing liquid cargo of significant capacity of at least about one hundred and fifty gallons of the industrial, heavy-duty type for transporting, ~~for example,~~ hazardous and flammable liquids and the like, ~~by, for example,~~ 5 offshore/inshore vessels and trucks, as well as other transportation means, and the like, providing relatively safe transportation of the liquids, comprising:

– a ~~rectangular,~~ inner fluid containing tank member made up of metal and including –

- a top, interior wall member,
- 10 – two, interior, side wall members,
- a bottom, interior wall member, and
- two, interior end members, comparable to said interior side wall members but of a lesser width,

collectively afixed permanently together forming a first, interior, tank “skin” capable 15 of holding liquid, and

– a comparable but slightly larger, outer, ~~rectangular,~~ enclosing member, likewise made up of metal and including –

- an exterior top wall member,
- two, exterior, side wall members,
- 20 – an exterior, bottom wall member, and
- two, exterior, end wall members, comparable to said side wall members,

collectively afixed permanently together forming a second, exterior “skin,” substantially completely enclosing the interior, tank “skin” producing a double wall tank structure, with the respective side, end and top wall members of the two, tank “skins” being permanently affixed together and generally separated by small gaps, the respective gapped wall members being separated from each other by a gap of about a half (½") inch, said second, exterior “skin” has on its top at least one fill opening through which the tank may be filled, and has a maximum height of about four (4') feet, with its other, lateral, length & width dimensions being comparable to or greater than said height, providing the portable ~~tote~~ tank with a stable, low profile and also allowing a worker to service the portable ~~tote~~ tank while standing on the same surface as that on which the portable ~~tote~~ tank is being supported.

17. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein the ~~tote~~ tank has a capacity of about five hundred and fifty gallons, and wherein:

the tank is about six (6') foot in length from end to end and has a width of about four (4') feet from side to side.

18 (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein the ~~tote~~ tank can be filled with liquid, and wherein there is further included:

at least one fill opening extending through both of said top wall members down to the interior of the tank and, with an openable fill cap, also extending above

5 said top wall member of said outer “skin,” said fill opening being usable for
introducing liquids into said tank interior and, when desired, filling the ~~tote~~ tank; and
a continuous, encircling wall extending up from the top wall member
completely surrounding said fill opening, said encircling wall containing and
preventing the uncontrolled escape of liquid that might be spilled during the filling
10 operation through said fill opening.

19. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 18**, wherein:

said encircling wall extends up above said top wall member at least as
high as said fill opening and any other upwardly extending devices located within
said encircling wall, protecting said fill opening and cap and said gauge and said
5 other upwardly extending devices from being snagged by lifting lines, slings and the
like.

20. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein there
is further included:

a discharge valve and associated line located at the bottom of the ~~tote~~
10 tank enclosed within a closed off compartment located within the confines of the
outer side and end wall members of the ~~tote~~ tank; and

a lock-able but open-able door being an exterior part of said compart-
ment for gaining access to said discharge line from the exterior of the tank for
removing liquid from the interior of the ~~tote~~ tank.

21. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein:

said bottom wall members are downwardly sloped toward said compartment; and

wherein there is further included a drip catch pan forming the bottom of
5 said compartment capable of catching and holding any liquid dripping down from the discharge line and any exterior coupling that might be attached to said discharge line.

22. (Currently Amended) The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein:

all of said wall members are made of stainless steel.

23. (Currently Amended))The portable ~~tote~~ tank of **Claim 16**, wherein there is further included:

a suction pressure, dual relief valve included extending out of said outer tank “skin” and extending into the inner tank “skin” keeping the internal tank
5 pressure below about a one and a half (1.5 psi) pounds per square inch suction and about a five (5 psi) per square inch output pressure.